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Amendment

LCO No. 5564



Offered by:
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To: House Bill No. 5547

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION OF POLICE OFFICERS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to examine the education and training of law enforcement officers in
5 the state relative to recognized national best practices. The task force
6 shall examine: (1) The current basic curriculum and practices, (2) the
7 instruction and delivery of the basic curriculum, (3) the feasibility and
8 desirability of offering training at satellite campuses, and (4) such
9 other topics as the task force deems appropriate relating to police
10 training.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 one of whom shall be a sworn officer of a municipal police department
14 and one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Police Chiefs

15 Association;

16 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
17 shall be a representative from the Institute for Municipal and Regional
18 Policy at Central Connecticut State University;

19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives, who shall be a member of the joint standing
21 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
22 relating to public safety;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
24 a chief elected official from a town with a population of equal to or
25 greater than twenty-five thousand persons;

26 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who shall be a chief elected official from a town with
28 a population of less than twenty-five thousand persons;

29 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
30 a social scientist employed by an institution of higher education in this
31 state;

32 (7) One appointed by the house chairperson of the joint standing
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
34 relating to public safety, who shall be a municipal police chief;

35 (8) One appointed by the senate chairperson of the joint standing
36 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
37 relating to public safety, who shall be a representative from a minority
38 community-based organization;

39 (9) The chairperson of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus of the
40 General Assembly, or the chairperson's designee;

41 (10) One representative of the Police Officer Standards and Training
42 Council, appointed by the chairperson of the council; and

43 (11) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
44 Protection, or the commissioner's designee.

45 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
46 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
47 filled by the appointing authority.

48 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
49 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
50 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
51 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
52 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

53 (e) The task force shall submit a preliminary report on its findings
54 and recommendations to the Department of Emergency Services and
55 Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council and
56 the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and include any comments
57 received from such department, council or association in the task
58 force's final report.

59 (f) Not later than October 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a final
60 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
61 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
62 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the
63 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
64 terminate on the date that it submits such report or October 1, 2017,
65 whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section